

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Poultney-Mettowee Watershed Restoration Project

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Poultney-Mettowee Watershed Restoration Project	Applicant:	
Final Ranking Score:	Address:	
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a conservation activity plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering “Yes” to the following question. Answering “Yes” to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the State priority category	
1. 1a. Is the program application for development of a CAP? If answer is “Yes,” do not answer any other State-level questions. If answer is “No,” proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Does the EQIP contract leverage the management of natural resources across land ownership (public-private) boundaries? Maximum points 65.	
2. 2a EQIP project is located in an area that is adjacent to high priority projects on public land as identified in your State’s LRP proposal.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 2b EQIP project is located in an area that is within the same 12-digit hydrologic unit as high priority projects on public land as identified in your State’s LRP proposal.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 2c EQIP project is located in an area that is within the same 8-digit hydrologic unit as high priority projects on public land as identified in your State’s LRP proposal.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Does the EQIP contract address one or more conservation priorities identified in the approved State project proposal for the Landscape Restoration Partnership? Maximum points 65.	
3. 3a EQIP project addresses three or more key priorities of the approved State project proposal for the Landscape Restoration Partnership.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. 3b EQIP project addresses two key priorities of the approved State project proposal for the Landscape Restoration Partnership.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. 3c EQIP project addresses one key priority of the approved State project proposal for the Landscape Restoration Partnership.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Does the EQIP contract address one or more high priority resource concerns (see ProTracts Requirements, section 2)? Maximum points 65.	
4. 4a EQIP project addresses all four of the following resource concerns: degraded plant condition, insufficient water, and inadequate habitat for fish and wildlife, and water quality degradation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. 4b EQIP project addresses one of the following resource concerns: degraded plant condition, insufficient water, and inadequate habitat for fish and wildlife, and water quality degradation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. 4b EQIP project addresses two or three of the following resource concerns: degraded plant condition, insufficient water, and inadequate habitat for fish and wildlife, and water quality degradation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Stream Crossings	

5. Will this application address water quality concerns due to erosion associated with an undersized culvert or other stream crossing?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Level of Improvement - Answer yes to either 6, 7, or 8, but not more than one. If there is a low level of improvement answer no to all.	
6. Significant Level of Improvement: Will the treatment(s) result in a significant improvement in Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Moderate Level of Improvement: Will the treatment(s) result in a moderate improvement in Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Minimum Level of Improvement: Will the treatment(s) result in a minimal improvement in Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Flood/Climate Change Resiliency	
9. Will this project lead to better flood/climate change resiliency?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Aquatic Organisms - Answer yes to either 10 or 11, but not both. If there is a low level of improvement, answer no to all.	
10. Will this application lead to a significant increase in the extent of habitat available to aquatic organisms?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Will this application lead to a moderate increase in the extent of habitat available to aquatic organisms?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is there sufficient evidence of good fisheries/fish habitat above/below the site?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Is the project located on the Mettawee main-stem in the targeted headwaters area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is the project located on a tributary to Mettawee?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices

Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative: Signature Date:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy: Signature Date:
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